

I claim:

1. A business method for offering computer services to a plurality of vendors, by a
5 service provider, said method comprising one or more services, supplied to said plurality
of vendors substantially simultaneously, selected from the group consisting of:
hosting a computer application program;
providing an e-business capability for on-line business transactions between said
vendors and other parties; and
10 providing an integration capability for integration of computer applications.

2. The business method of claim 1, wherein said selection is made by said vendors.

3. The business method of claim 2, wherein said selection is implemented by said
15 service provider.

4. The business method of claim 3, wherein said computer application program
comprises an Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system.

20 5. The business method of claim 3, wherein said e-business capability comprises
the WebSphereTM Commerce Suite.

6. The business method of claim 1, wherein said other parties comprise parties
selected from the group consisting of:
25 customers of said vendors;
banks of said vendors;
banks of said customers;
business partners of said vendors; and
banks of said business partners.

30 7. The business method of claim 4, wherein said ERP system comprises the SAPTM
ERP system.

8. The business method of claim 1, wherein said integration capability integrates said computer application program and said ebusiness capability.

9. The business method of claim 8, wherein said integration capability comprises 5 the MQ Series™ integration solution.

10. The business method of claim 1, wherein said integration capability integrates said ebusiness capability with a computer application program hosted at a remote vendor location.

11. A system for providing, by a service provider, computer services to a plurality of 10 vendors comprising:

processor means to host a computer application program for a plurality of vendors;

15 processor means to provide an e-business capability for on-line business transactions between said vendors and other parties; and

processor means to provide, to a plurality of vendors substantially simultaneously, an integration capability for integration of computer applications;

wherein

20 said processor means to host a computer application program for a plurality of vendors;

said processor means to provide an e-business capability for on-line business transactions between said vendors and other parties; and

said processor means to provide, to a plurality of vendors substantially

25 simultaneously, an integration capability for integration of computer applications;

are configured in accordance with a vendor selection from an offering comprising one or more services selected from the group consisting of:

hosting a computer application program;

providing an e-business capability for on-line business transactions between said

30 vendors and other parties; and

providing an integration capability for integration of computer applications;

12. The system of claim 11, wherein said selection is made by said vendors.

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13. The system of claim 12, wherein said selection is implemented by said service provider.

5 14. The system of claim 13, wherein said computer application program comprises an Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system.

10 15. The system of claim 13, wherein said e-business capability comprises the WebSphere™ Commerce Suite.

16. The system of claim 11, wherein said other parties comprise parties selected from the group consisting of:

15 customers of said vendors;

banks of said vendors;

15 banks of said customers;

business partners of said vendors; and

banks of said business partners.

20 17. The system of claim 14, wherein said ERP system comprises the SAP™ ERP system.

18. The system of claim 13, wherein said integration capability integrates said computer application program and said ebusiness capability.

25 19. The system of claim 18, wherein said integration capability comprises the MQ Series™ integration solution.

20. The system of claim 11, wherein said integration capability integrates said ebusiness capability with a computer application program hosted at a remote vendor 30 location.

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